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1. The Cottbus (N 52/A 57) airfield [REDACTED] 25X1X6

The field was still occupied by twin-engine aircraft. The planes flew in flights (sic) or in elements of two in a cloudless sky. It was noticed that the aircraft had apertures, presumably for weapons, on the right and left sides of the engines and that the single-cockpit planes which practiced firing at sleeve targets had a machine gun firing to the rear. A small set with a rod antenna, presumably for voice-radio communication, was at the take-off point. Four photographs were taken of the twin-engine aircraft taking off and gliding in (see Annex 1). The wings were painted gray-green and the engine cowlings light blue.

2. Construction work at the airfield was speeded up in comparison with previous observations. Large quantities of gravel and sand had arrived by rail. Workers said that the EW runway was to be extended by about 300 meters and that the adjacent area north of the airfield was to be graded as far as the woods. The construction site and hangars were photographed (see Annex 2).
3. Passenger car 13-07-05 and motor vehicles E 5-32-53 and 13-07-30 left the airfield.

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a. Two regiments of the 301st Bmr Div have previously been assumed to be stationed at the Cottbus airfield. According to one number of planes recently noticed at the field only one regiment seems to be stationed there. Twenty-seven aircraft are counted on the photographs taken at the field. More planes possibly are in the hangars.

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b. The photographs taken of the twin-engine aircraft definitely show that the planes do not have a plexi-glass nose. The planes therefore are assumed to be PE-3s. It is not known whether these planes were employed in the III Bnr Corps as bombers or long-range fighters.

c. The expansion work at the airfield was confirmed

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2. Annexes :
1. Four Photographs Taken of Aircraft Seen over the Cottbus Airfield.
 2. Photographs of Construction Site and Hangars at the Cottbus Airfield.

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